Central States Numismatic Society

March 15, 1997

Dear CSNS Members,

This mailing will serve as a replacement for the spring issue of The Centinel. Copy for The Centinel was shipped via Federal Express to our printer. Federal Express promptly lost the package. Because of printing deadlines, it was impossible to re-create The Centinel in time to get it delivered to you prior to the April convention in Indianapolis.

This mailing includes messages from the president and secretary, along with the preliminary convention schedule and a listing of membership applications. There also is one advertisement included because it involves a sale in April. All other advertisers will be given credit for future issues.

See you in Indianapolis.

Karen and Jim Jach, Editors

President's Commentary

By JOHN WILSON

Now that we are headed for the spring season, let us all start thinking of coin shows that are local, regional and national. The convention that I want you to concentrate on though, is the 58th anniversary Central States Numismatic Society convention. Dates for this coin-currency-tokens & medals extravaganza are April 10 (PNG Day), 11-13, 1997. The location is the convention center (connected to the Hoosier Dome), located in downtown Indianapolis.

Indianapolis is a great show town with modest hotel rates, excellent restaurants, reasonable parking rates, exceptional sights and a very friendly population. On behalf of our entire Central States Numismatic Society Board, I would like to invite all of you to this very important convention. With the exception of our western area of the central states, Indianapolis is probably only a few hours drive from your home. Look for the "gold" jackets that the board members wear at our conventions. When you see a board member, let them know your pros and cons regarding "how we are doing," as your CSNS representative.

The Indianapolis host committee, headed by General Chairman Howard Linville, is hard at work to put on our finest convention ever. Bourse Chairman Marv Mericle is also lining up a top-notch bourse for your buying and/or selling pleasure. Exhibit Chairlady Fran Lockwood will have an area filled up with some of the finest exhibits you will see in 1997. Education Chairman Roy Maines has expanded our education program for this convention. I'm quite certain you will find an interesting program that you will want to attend. Come one, come all and I hope to see you there.

We are proud to have the Illinois Numismatic Association (ILNA) hosting our fall convention in Harvey, Ill., on Sept. 5-7, 1997. General Chairman Kermit Wasmer is hard at work with his committee to make this an outstanding event. The Ramada Inn in Harvey is the site for the show. This easy to get to convention is on Halsted Avenue, just a few blocks north of the Tri-State. Dealers contact Clayton Hagemann at 630-552-3491 if you would like a table.

I want to thank the Michigan State Numismatic Society for the hospitality extended to Jerry, Nancy and I as representatives of CSNS at their 1996 Thanksgiving weekend convention in Dearborn. I cannot say enough about how great a convention it was. Jerry, Nancy and I were signing up members like crazy and were kept very busy giving out information on CSNS and collecting. Show Chairman Don Charters, along with Secretary Tom Klunzinger, along with the whole show committee, perennially do great jobs in overseeing the fall and spring MSNS conventions. Nancy and I will man a table in Flint Mich., for their spring convention. Stop by and say hello if you are at that show.

I also want to congratulate outing President Craig Whitford for doing a great job as Michigan State president. Congratulations also to incoming President Ray Dillard. Like Craig, Ray is a class act and I know he will keep on the great tradition of excellent leadership for MSNS.

The American Numismatic Association is celebrating its 74th National Coin Week between April 20-26, 1997. The theme is "The Changing Face of Money." If you or your club don't belong to ANA just write and I will return your stamp with an application. I would also like to add that if your local club doesn't belong to CSNS, please contact Jerry Lebo and likewise he will return your stamp with an application. We are still offering new clubs two years for the price of one - Until April 13, 1997.

Finally, I want to congratulate one of our more active members who recently converted to a life membership in our organization. Mr. FUN, Robert Hendershott, at a young 98, feels it is still a bargain to be a life member in our outstanding organization. Of course his wife is the very famous Marjorie Owen Hendershott, a former president and secretary-treasurer of CSNS. I hope all of you have a safe and happy 1997 and a terrific coin hobby year. Happy collecting.

Yours in numismatics,

John Wilson, president

Future CSNS conventions

1997 - Indianapolis, April 10-13
1998 - Milwaukee, April 23-26
1999 - Milwaukee, April 22-25
2000 - Minneapolis, May 3-7

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Secretary's Report

By JERRY LEBO

Our 1997 spring convention is at hand. Hopefully, you made hotel reservations well in advance. Hotel space seems to be a problem each year as we compete with other conventions for available accommodations. Indianapolis in 1997 apparently is no exception as I am told hotel space is at a premium.

Fran Lockwood is lining up some top-notch exhibits, while Roy Maines has some outstanding speakers on tap for the educational programs. Incidentally, Roy also is handling the junior program this year, which will feature an auction in which the kids are given play money to bid on real coins.

Many thanks to Gayle Pike of the Coin Castle in Memphis, Tenn., for her generous donation of material to the CSNS junior program. She's one of these far-sighted persons who knows the future of the hobby rests with the youngsters of today.

By the way, CSNS literary awards for articles in the Centinel will come this year in the form of gold coins encased in Capital Plastics holders. Previously, these awards were plaques or clock-plaques.

The Indianapolis convention will follow some traditional patterns with a busy bourse, exhibits and educational programs. There also will be a trip to the Indianapolis Motor Speedway. This tour has been on agendas of past conventions, but always seems to be popular. Thus, the host committee has again included a visit to the home of the Indianapolis 500.

You'll also be able to visit the Circle Centre Mall near the convention center. It wasn't there when CSNS last visited Indianapolis in 1994. It's one of those multi-story, multi-block downtown shopping malls. You can access it via the new skywalks that connect the convention center with the Hilton, Hyatt and Embassy Suites hotels. Otherwise, you can use outdoor sidewalks to reach the facility, about two blocks from the convention center.

Incidentally, the traditional spouses' luncheon will be at the centre. One facility that might or might not be open is the Union Station shopping and restaurant mall, which the city tentatively scheduled for closing prior to our convention. With the new Circle Centre now open, business at Union Station hit the rails.

Arrangements for the Speedway tour and the spouses' luncheon were actually made last fall by George and Joan Heller of Indianapolis. On the day after Christmas, they were returning home after spending the holiday at their daughter's home in northwestern Indiana. Their car hit a patch of ice and snow, skidded out of a control and collided with an oncoming truck. George was killed. Joan was injured seriously but is recovering. George was a life member of CSNS. He also once was president of the Indianapolis Coin Club and was its treasurer at the time of his death. The hobby lost a numismatist. Many of us lost a good friend.

Our fall travels took us to the state conventions in Iowa and Michigan. We're also scheduled to be at the ANA spring convention in Cleveland.

The two-day Iowa State convention was Oct. 19-20 in Cedar Rapids, where fellow CSNS board member Brian Fanton helped peddle memberships. The 50-table bourse was accompanied by two auctions and an educational program. By most standards, Iowa State was a successful show. Look for Brian handling some CSNS chores at the Nebraska state convention at Omaha in late April.

We dined twice with Bob and Marilyn Douglas and Bob and Marjorie Hendershott. Both Bob Douglas and Marjorie Hendershott previously held the CSNS secretary- treasurer's position. The real focus here, however, is on Bob Hendershott, founder of the Florida United Numismatists and holder of the title "Mr. FUN."

At age 98, Bob is still going strong and is sharper than many a man half his age. Bob said he has social engagements booked through 2004, the centennial of the 1904 St. Louis World's Fair he remembers attending as a youngster. Yours truly jokingly suggested Bob might want to convert from regular to life membership in CSNS. After some bantering back and forth between him, me and Bob Douglas, Bob H. converted to life membership, although at a reduced fee. So if you're a regular member over 90 and would like to become a lifer, get ahold of me.

Thanksgiving weekend saw yours truly head to Dearborn for the annual Michigan State Numismatic Society's fall convention. CSNS President John Wilson and wife Nancy helped peddle a number of CSNS memberships, renewals etc., and saw that bourse applications for our 1997 spring show in Indy were distributed to dealers who might not otherwise have received same.

But the real focus here is on the MSNS folks, such as Don Charters and Tom Klunzinger, who seem to be the keys in making the convention flow with a minimum of problems. Outgoing president Craig Whitford turned the reins over to "Mr." Ray Dillard ("Mr." is an inside joke in MSNS), so MSNS seems in good hands for the coming two years. (Ray will have his elongated machine at CSNS in Indy.) The Wilsons and yours truly had dinner Friday evening with Al and Ann Bobrofsky of Battle Creek. Al is an MSNS governor, former mayor of Battle Creek, former Upjohn executive and former (or maybe still) sports referee. Al once spent a month on the major league roster of the Detroit Tigers before an injury cut short his pro baseball playing career. Ann is a former MSNS secretary who keeps Al in line.

This was MSNS's 40th anniversary, having been founded in 1956, so the emphasis was on that earlier year. For one thing, there was a display of 1956-dated coins from around the world. The Sunday morning breakfast saw MSNS offer coins to guests at 1956 Red Book prices! Yours truly was able to buy an 1873 Seated quarter in fine for $1.50.

All in all, MSNS keeps producing quality shows. Try one if you haven't already.

We now have a page on the Internet's World Wide Web, courtesy of the American Numismatic Association. ANA's web address is "http://www.money.org" (don't use the quotation marks when entering the command). Our page is in the Indiana listings under the "other" organizations' category since the secretary's address is in Indiana. However, you can access our page directly with the following command: "http://www.money.org/clubs_csns.html" (again, don't use the quotation marks).

The page contains information about CSNS and its upcoming conventions, including hotel reservation phone numbers for the spring Indianapolis show and the fall convention in Harvey, Ill.

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Speaking of upcoming conventions, the CSNS board will be considering future show sites during its Indianapolis meeting. The spring show is locked into Milwaukee for 1998 and 1999. We're also looking at Minneapolis and Chicago following that, although nothing is currently written in granite. The rejuvenated fall convention is locked into Harvey later this year. The following years are tentative at this point, although bids are anticipated from such places as Fort Wayne, Ind., Columbus, Ohio and Louisville, Ky.

Local clubs (or individual members for that matter) interested in making a few bucks by working the spring conventions should contact convention general chairman Kevin Foley, whose phone number is 414-282-2388.

We had a special membership offer in place for local clubs. Local clubs joining CSNS by March 1 were given two years of membership for the price of one. We'll extend that offer through April 13, the last day of the Indy convention. If your local club is interested, please contact me at the convention. As of this writing, 14 clubs have taken advantage of the offer. We now have more than 50 local and state affiliates.

Thanks to Patti Jagger for finding a "lost" member. We'll talk more about "lost" members in a future column.

Thanks to Cyril Schlosser for his donation above and beyond his dues payment.

Congratulations to Michael Aron and Antoinette Grego who were married this past Oct. 6. Here's a toast: May their union be an MS-70.

Occasionally members offer quips or other comments when they return their dues payments. Here are a few from this year's crop:

John Rich of Richmond, Ind., facetiously asked if there is any "trade-in" value for his old membership card. Sure, John, but only in quantities of 50 or more, and with the same member's name on each.

Former ANA President Ken Hallenbeck (also a former Hoosier) said he would like to attend the Indiana State show in June but doubts his schedule will allow him to do so. Dear Ken: ISNA has moved to a fall convention this year. Re- check your schedule!

Betty Lefman reports she is keeping herself occupied following the death last fall of her husband, Ray O. Lefman, who held the title "Mr. Central States." Betty also reported that former CSNS President John Cain was hospitalized at the start of the new year with pneumonia. At last report, John was doing okay.

Ken and Geri Hummell of Kansas City say they're looking forward to the Indy convention in April. We're looking forward to seeing them again. They did a super job of handling registration at the KC convention last spring.

Courtney Coffing told me to say hello to all the Coffings in Logansport, Ind., where I'm now living. I sure will whenever I encounter either of them. There are two Coffings in the Logansport phone book.

Dave Reid, one of my Indianapolis buddies, offered the following: "As one salamander said to the other: Happy Newt Year!"

See you in Indy.
Jerry Lebo
Secretary-Treasurer

CSNS Spring Convention

Tentative Schedule

Indiana Convention Center and RCA Dome - Indianapolis
April 11-13, 1997 - Professional Numismatists Day April 10

The following schedule is tentative and subject to change. Information on specific meeting places for various events will be available during the convention at the registration booth.

Wednesday, April 9

Noon - Security room opens to PNG Day dealers
3:00 p.m. - Auction lot viewing begins
9:00 p.m. - Auction lot viewing ends
11:00 p.m. - Security room closes

Thursday, April 10

7:00 a.m. - Security room opens to PNG Day dealers
8:00 a.m. - Bourse opens to PNG Day dealers
9:00 a.m. - Auction lot viewing begins
10:00 a.m. - Bourse opens to invited guests
10:00 a.m. - Credential pickup begins for booth holders and exhibitors
10:00 a.m. - Security room opens to booth holders and exhibitors
2:00 p.m. - One-way traffic begins for invited guests
2:30 p.m. - Bourse closes to invited guests
3:00 p.m. - PNG Day ends; regular dealer setup begins (no public)
4:00 p.m. - Security room closes
9:00 p.m. - Auction lot viewing ends
9:00 p.m. - Bourse closes

Friday, April 11:

8:00 a.m. - Bourse opens to booth holders and exhibitors
9:00 a.m. - CSNS Board of Governors meeting
9:00 a.m. - Auction lot viewing begins
9:55 a.m. - Ribbon cutting ceremonies
10:00 a.m. - Bourse open to public
11:30 a.m. - Friendship luncheon - Circle Center Mall
Noon - Competitive exhibits must be in place
1:30 p.m. - Educational program - Anthony Swiatek
3:00 p.m. - Educational program - Ray Dillard
6:30 p.m. - One-way traffic begins for public
6:30 p.m. - Auction lot viewing ends
7:00 p.m. - Bourse closes
7:00 p.m. - Auction (bullet sale) begins

Saturday, April 12:

9:00 a.m. - Bourse opens to booth holders and exhibitors
9:00 a.m. - Auction lot pickup begins
9:00 a.m. - Indianapolis Motor Speedway tour
9:00 a.m. - Educational program - Bryan Ryker
10:00 a.m. - Associated Collectors of Encased meeting
10:00 a.m. - Bourse opens to public
11:00 a.m. - Educational program - Scott Travers
12:00 a.m. - Auction lot pickup ends
12:30 p.m. - Special auction for juniors (Sonny Henry, auctioneer)
3:00 p.m. - CSNS annual membership meeting and awards presentation
5:30 p.m. - One-way traffic begins for public
6:00 p.m. - Bourse closes
6:30 p.m. - Pre-banquet social hour
7:30 p.m. - CSNS banquet

Sunday, April 13:

9:00 a.m. - Bourse opens to booth holders and exhibitors
10:00 a.m. - Bourse opens to public
2:30 p.m. - One-way traffic begins for public
3:00 p.m. - Bourse closes